

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 98-8-3**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 3, 1998

Business Meeting: August 3, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. WorldCom/MCI Docket D97.10.191 – WorldCom/MCI merger application – To consider draft order (8/3/98)
2. USWC Docket D97.5.87 – USWC 271 filing – Discuss matters as they arise, including discovery matters (8/3/98)
3. MPC Docket D98.2.28 – MPC gas pilot – Discuss and act on matters as necessary, if necessary (8/4/98)
4. GFG Docket D98.3.68 – GFG restructuring – Discuss and act on matters as necessary, if necessary, anticipating request for protective order by intervenor (8/4/98)
5. Licensure of natural gas suppliers – Update on status of licensure of natural gas suppliers, discussion, action, direction as necessary (8/4/98)

6. MDU Docket D98.4.82 – MDU monthly tracker annual true-up – Discuss case to determine whether further proceedings or hearing is necessary, other matters as necessary, if necessary (8/4/98)
7. USWC Docket D96.12.220 – USWC rate rebalancing – Payphone revenue increase of \$1.7 million (8/4/98)
8. USWC Docket N98.6.148 – USWC annual report – Discussion, direction, and action on USWC request for protective order on annual report top ten salary schedule (8/4/98)
9. AT&T/USWC Docket D96.11.200 – AT&T/USWC arbitration – Discuss Ron Woods presentation on the approval of the interconnection agreement and obtain staff direction on drafting order (8/4/98)
10. Legislative changes to SB 390, Electric Deregulation – Consider recommendations to make to the TAC for amending SB 390 (8/4/98)
11. Utility consumer complaints – Discuss report on number of complaints received in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 1998 (8/4/98)
12. PSC Docket D94.2.8 – Other common carrier docket – Discuss the comments and to get Commission direction (8/4/98)

Weekly/monthly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. – Docket N98.7.163 (Nina)

On July 17, 1998, MCI Telecommunications filed Transmittal Letter No. 98-16, reflecting the following: (1) to change the name of Basic Calling Plan Option to Basic Calling Plan Option 1; (2) to introduce Basic Calling Plan Option 2 to Option A (Dial One/Direct Dial); and (3) to add the Advanced Option II for Small Business Savings Plan to Option X (Advanced Option II for Small Business). This was a notice item on 7/27/98. Staff recommends approval.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. Sprint Communications Company – Docket N98.7.167 Tina)

On July 23, 1998, Sprint Communications Company filed changes to its Montana PSC Price List No. 1. The changes are to decrease Spree Prepaid FONCARD, decrease Sprint/Kroger Prepaid Calling Card, and make changes to Directory Assistance. The Directory Assistance changes specify that a fee will apply whether or not the DA operator furnishes the requested number. An option is also being added to allow the customer to complete a call to the number received from DA without hanging up and dialing the number. A call completion charge applies in addition to the DA per-call charge if the customer accepts this offer.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-8-10**

Sprint Communications Company – Docket N98.7.167(Tina)

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N98.7.167 – Sprint - Change directory; decrease Spree; decrease S/K call card  
N98.7.168 – Ronan Telephone – Forbearance Application  
N98.7.169 – Mt League of Cities & Towns – App for interim and final electricity  
suppliers license